



KRUGER – South African Progenitor



Origen

The KRUGER's origins are German. Two derivations are given:

- The first is from the German *krug*, meaning an inn or tavern, and *kruger* or *kroger* would describe a host or innkeeper. The name occurs mainly in northern Germany.
- The second is from *kruog*, meaning jug or pot. Kruger here was an occupational name for a maker or seller of mugs, pitchers and jugs. This explanation seems to apply to the Krugers in southern Germany.

Occupational surnames were often the first to be used, but they usually only became hereditary when a son or perhaps a grandson of the founder, continued in the same trade or profession. In this case there are some very early recordings in the surviving German rolls and charters of the Middle Ages, and these include Lotze Crugir of Kassel in 1351 and Henecke Krogher of Hannover, in 1420. The most famous name holder is probably Paulus Kruger, (1825 - 1904) the president of the free Boer Republic of the Transvaal from 1881 to 1902.

There are more Krugers in northern than in southern Germany; thus probably more Krugers derived from *krug* than from *kruog*. Recorded in many spellings including Kroger, Kruger, Krug, Kroge, Krogmann, Krochmann, and Krugmann, it has two possible origins both occupational.

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Jacob Kruger (Cruger, Krüger, Krúgel, Krúger) was born on **28 Jul 1690** in **Sadenbeck, Prignitz, Brandenburgland [Germany]**. He was the son of Frantz Krüger and Elizabeth (Pemöller) Krüger. Jacob immigrated on a ship called "*Middelwout*" to South Africa on 29 Jan 1714 and was employed by the VOC as a soldier. In 1718 he was granted property and became a farmer in the SANDFELT district. On 1 May 1718 in de Caep de Goede Hoop, Dutch Cape Colony [South Africa] he married a Jannetje Kemp. Together they had 9 children:

b1 Jacob - baptised Cape Town 13 Oct 1716.

b2 Jacob - baptised 17 Jul 1718, X 25 Oct 1739 Christina Strang

b3 Frans - baptised Cape Town 20 Aug 1719, X 1 March 1744 Judith Coetzee, XX 29 Oct 1752 Maria Putter, XXX Magdalena Catharina Erasmus

b4 Cecilia - baptised 26 Jan 1721, X 21 Aug 1738 Hendrik Pieter Hesse

b5 Johannes - baptised 13 Dec 1722, X 9 Nov 1746 Petronella Smit

b6 Elizabeth - baptised 19 Feb 1723, X 13 May 1742 Michiel Bester

b7 Hendrik - baptised 8 Apr 1725, X Cape Town 5 May 1748 Francina Cloete

b8 Pieter Ernst - baptised 18 Aug 1726, X 27 Dec 1747 Zacharya Putter

b9 Catharina - baptised 1 Aug 1728

Notable people with the surname include:

Adalbert Krueger (1832–1896), German Astronomer

Alan Krueger (born 1960), American economist

Alex Kruger (born 1963), English Olympic decathlete

Alma Kruger (1868/1871–1960), American stage and film actress

Anne Osborn Krueger (born 1934), American economist

Anton Robert Krueger (born 1971), South African writer

Barbara Kruger (born 1945), American conceptual artist

Bernhard Krüger (1904–1989), German SS officer and counterfeiter

Bob Krueger (born 1935), American politician

Carl Kruger (born 1949), American politician

Clifford Krueger (1918–1988), American politician

Debbie Kruger (born 1962), Australian writer

Diane Kruger (born 1976), German-American model and actress

Erwin Krüger (1915–1973), Nicaraguan singer and poet

Frantz Kruger (born 1975), South African discus thrower

Franz Krüger (1797–1857), German painter of equestrian portraits

Friedrich-Wilhelm Krüger (1894–1945), Nazi official

Garnett Kruger (born 1977), South African cricketer

Gottfried Krueger, founder of the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company of Newark, New Jersey, USA

Hans Krüger (1902–1971), German politician

Hardy Krüger (born 1928), German actor

Helen Barbara Kruger (1913–2006), American businesswoman

Heli Koivula Kruger (born 1975), Finnish track and field athlete

Jbe' Kruger (born 1986), South African golfer

Jeffrey Kruger (1931–2014), British entertainment business executive

Jim Krueger, American comic book writer and novelist.

Jimmy Kruger (1917–1987), South African minister of justice and the police

Joseph Kruger (c. 1869–1927), American-Canadian businessman

Kandace Krueger (born 1976), Miss USA 2001

Karl-Heinz Krüger (born 1953), German boxer

Karl Wilhelm Krüger (1796–1874), German Hellenist

Karoline Krüger (born 1970), Norwegian singer-songwriter and pianist

Kelly Kruger (born 1982), Canadian actress

Lon Kruger (born 1952), American college basketball coach

Luise Krüger (1915–2001), German javelin athlete

Maynard C. Krueger (1906–1991), American politician and professor

Michael Krüger (born 1954), German footballer and manager

Mitchell Krueger (born 1994), American tennis player

Myron W. Krueger (born 1942), American computer artist and pioneer in the fields of virtual and augmented reality

Otto Kruger (1885–1974), American actor and the grandnephew of South African president Paul Kruger

Paul Kruger (Stephanus Johannes Paul Kruger; 1825–1904), President of the South African Republic, for whom are named

Kruger House

Kruger National Park

Krugerrand

Krugersdorp - town in Gauteng province

Peter Krüger or Peter Crüger (1580–1639), German mathematician, astronomer and polymath

Rick Krueger (born 1949), American politician

Sebastian Krüger (born 1963), caricaturist

Sonia Kruger (born 1965), Australian television presenter

Vanessa Krüger (born 1991), German actress

Walter Krueger (1881–1967), US Army general

Werner Krüger (1910–2003), German engineer

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